

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS) PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0556
TO ITS GAS COST RATES)
(FILED AUGUST 26, 2019))

ORDER NO. 9462

AND NOW, this 12th day of September 2019, the Delaware Public Service Commission (“Commission”) determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2019, Delmarva Power & Light Company (“Delmarva” or “the Company”) filed with the Commission the above-captioned application (the “Application”) seeking approval to change its Gas Cost Rates (“GCR”) effective for usage on or after November 1, 2019, with proration, as follows: (1) revise the GCR demand and commodity charge applicable to Service Classifications MVG and LVG; (2) revise the volumetrically applied GCR factors applicable to Service Classifications RG, RGSB, GG, GL, and non-electing MVG; (3) approve the proposed Balancing Charge, Pressure Support Fee and Transition Cost Adjustment for the November 2019 – October 2020 GCR period; and (4) approve changes to Tariff Leaf Nos. 3b, 37, 37a, 38, 39, 41, 41a, 43, 46, 53, 55, 59, and 59a of the Company’s tariff to become effective on November 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 304 and 306, that the proposed GCR changes should be permitted to become effective for usage on and after November 1, 2019, subject to refund and pending the Commission’s further review and final decision;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 303(b), 304, and 306, the following proposed changes to the GCR rates, and the accompanying proposed tariff revisions set forth in the Application, are permitted to become effective for natural gas usage on or after November 1, 2019, with proration and subject to refund and pending the Commission's final decision:

Rate Schedules	Present		Proposed	
	GCR Demand Charge	GCR Commodity Charge	GCR Demand Charge	GCR Commodity Charge
RG, RGSB, GG, GL and N/E MVG	N/A	43.495¢/ccf	N/A	50.154¢/ccf
Electing MVG and LVG	\$1.7176/Mcf	Varies	\$2.1471/Mcf	Varies
Standby Service	\$1.7176/Mcf	N/A	\$2.1471/Mcf	N/A

2. The Commission shall not assign this docket to a Hearing Examiner to conduct an evidentiary hearing, but, rather, shall conduct an evidentiary hearing on the Application during a regularly scheduled meeting to be determined later.

3. Interested persons or entities are afforded the opportunity to file written comments or objections to the proposed changes in the Application. Such written comments or objections must be filed *on or before November 26, 2019* using the Commission's file management system, DelaFile (<http://delafire.delaware.gov>), by searching for Docket No. 19-0556. In addition, the Commission will accept public comments on the Application immediately prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing.

4. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 502 and 29 *Del. C.* ch. 101, the Commission designates Senior Hearing Examiner Mark Lawrence for the sole purpose of considering any petitions for intervention that may be filed in this docket.

5. Delmarva shall give public notice of the filing of this Application, with the proposed rate changes and this action by the Commission, by publishing notice in the form attached as **Exhibit "A"** in two-column format, outlined in black, in the legal classified section of The News Journal newspaper on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019**. Delmarva shall submit proof of such publication as soon as possible, but no later than the commencement of any evidentiary hearings concerning this matter.

6. The deadline for intervention pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1001-2.9 shall be **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**. Petitions for intervention that are not received by the Commission **on or before Tuesday, October 22, 2019**, will not be granted unless good cause is shown. Pursuant to Rule 1001-6.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1001-1.6.4, petitions for intervention should be filed using the Commission's file management system, DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), by searching for Docket No. 19-0556.

7. As outlined in the form of notice attached as **Exhibit "A,"** interested persons are afforded the opportunity to file objections to the proposed changes to the GCR rates, Balancing Charges, Transition Cost Adjustment and Pressure Support Fee, and the accompanying proposed tariff revisions set forth in the Application.

8. Delmarva is hereby put on notice that it will be charged the costs incurred by the Commission Staff and the Division of the Public Advocate in connection with this proceeding under the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* § 114(b)(1).

9. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

EXHIBIT “A”

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
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COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF) **PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0556**
MODIFICATIONS TO ITS GAS COST)
RATES (FILED AUGUST 26, 2019))**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT
 COMPANY AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

Delmarva Power & Light’s Gas Cost Rate Application

On August 26, 2019, Delmarva Power & Light Company (“Delmarva” or the “Company”) filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) an application pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 303(b), 304, and 306 seeking to change its Gas Cost Rates (“GCR”) as follows:

Rate Schedules	Present		Proposed	
	GCR Demand Charge	GCR Commodity Charge	GCR Demand Charge	GCR Commodity Charge
RG, RGSH, GG, GL and N/E MVG	N/A	43.495¢/ccf	N/A	50.154¢/ccf
Electing MVG and LVG	\$1.7176/Mcf	Varies	\$2.1471/Mcf	Varies
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The effect on a residential space heating customer using 83 ccf in a winter month will be an increase of \$5.53, or 6.5%, in the customer’s total bill. Customers served on Service Classification GG will experience an increase in their bills ranging between 2.3% and 8.7%, while customers served on Service Classification MVG will experience an increase in their bills ranging between 8.2% and 12.1%, depending upon their load and usage characteristics.

By Order No. 9462 dated September 12, 2019, the Commission permitted the proposed GCR and other rates to become effective with usage on and after November 1, 2019, subject to refund and pending the Commission's final decision after evidentiary hearings and any other proceedings that may be necessary.

The Commission will conduct evidentiary hearings, to be scheduled at a later date, concerning this Application. The Commission's final decision will be based on the entire record of the case.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a written petition for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1001-2.9) **on or before Tuesday, October 22, 2019**. All such petitions should be e-filed according to the Commission's Rules (26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of October 22, 2019, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

Interested persons are afforded the opportunity to file objections to the proposed rate changes and the accompanying proposed tariff revisions set forth in the Application. Such objections or written comments shall be filed **on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2019**, using the Commission's file management system, DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), and by searching for Docket No. 19-0556.

You are invited to review Delmarva's Application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 19-0556.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@delaware.gov.

You may also review copies of Delmarva's Application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at either 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801 or 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 (Wilmington) or (302) 241-2555 (Dover) to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://depsec.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C. ch.* 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means. If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to psc@delaware.gov; include "PSC Docket No. 19-0556" as the subject.